

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Final Office Action dated April 6, 2007, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

Claims 14-21 are withdrawn in this application. Claims 1-6 and 8-13 are rejected to by the Examiner. With this response, claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-6 and 8-21 remain pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,274,198 to Landmeier (hereinafter "Landmeier"). Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,336,535 to Fukuchi et al. (hereinafter "Fukuchi"). Claims 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier and U.S. Patent No. 5,984,294 to Bogomolny et al. (hereinafter "Bogomolny"). Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier and U.S. Patent No. 6,661,399 to Oh et al. (hereinafter "Oh"). Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier. Claims 4 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,670,994 to Kawaguchi et al. (hereinafter "Kawaguchi").

The rejection of claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Landmeier is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Applicants submit that Landmeier does not disclose inherently or explicitly each element of the claims.

Independent claim 1 recites a liquid crystal display device having a combination of features including "a fixing device for inserting a digitizer to fix the digitizer, wherein the fixing device has a floor part and a covering part that each receives an edge of the digitizer, wherein the floor part adheres to a rear surface of the support main, and wherein the digitizer is inserted between the floor part and the covering part." Applicants submit that Landmeier does not disclose at least this element of claim 1.

The Examiner cites element 56 of Landmeier as "a support main." Applicants respectfully disagree and point out that element 56 of Landmeier refers to a "backlighting panel"

that generates “light to irradiate the liquid crystal display panel.” Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill would not use the backlighting panel 56 as a support main.

The Examiner cites element 28 of Landmeier as “a fixing device”. Applicants respectfully disagree and point out that element 28 of Landmeier refers to a “mylar substrate” that is “wrapped over and around the edges of a supporting substrate 32” but a fixing device of the present invention has a floor part and a covering part that each receives an edge of the digitizer. Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill would not use the mylar substrate 28 “wrapped over and around the edges of a supporting substrate” as a fixing device.

The Examiner cites element 30 of Landmeier as “a digitizer.” Applicants respectfully disagree and point out that element 30 of Landmeier refers to a “conductive grid ink” that is “protected between the supporting substrate and the mylar substrate” but the digitizer of present invention is inserted between the floor part of a fixing device and the covering part of the fixing device. Applicants respectfully assert that one of ordinary skill would not use the conductive grid ink 30 protected between the supporting substrate and the mylar substrate as a digitizer.

Applicants note that claims 3, 5, 6, and 12 each depend from claim 1 and include by reference all of the elements of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Landmeier does not anticipate claims 3, 5, 6 and 12 based on the dependencies of the claims and for the reasons given for claim 1.

The rejections of claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier in view of Fukuchi”; claims 8 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier in view of Bogomolny; claim 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier; and claims 4 and 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Landmeier in view of Kawaguchi et al are respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested.

As an initial matter, Applicants note that claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 each depend from claim 1 and each recite all of the limitations of claim 1.

As Applicants have discussed above, Landmeier does not disclose at least a liquid crystal display device having a combination of features including “a fixing device for inserting a digitizer to fix the digitizer, wherein the fixing device has a floor part and a convering part that

each receives an edge of the digitizer, wherein the floor part adheres to a rear surface of the support main, and wherein the digitizer is inserted between the floor part and the covering part,” as recited in independent claim 1. In the Office Action, the Examiner cites Fukuchi, Bogomolny, and Kawaguchi as teaching elements recited in the dependent claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13. Applicants do not reach the Examiner’s conclusion regarding the teachings of Fukuchi, Bogomolny, Oh, and Kawaguchi. Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references including Fukuchi, Bogomolny, Oh, and Kawaguchi, cure the deficiencies of Landmeier with respect to the above-identified combination of elements recited in claim 1. Applicants submit that as Landmeier, Fukuchi, Bogomolny, Oh, and Kawaguchi, analyzed singly or in any combination, do not teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1, and claims 2, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 depending from claim 1 are each allowable over Landmeier, Fukuchi, Bogomolny, Oh, and Kawaguchi.

Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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